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FOLLWING TELEGRAM FROM JAKARTA DATED APRIL 23, 1975 SENT
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SUBJ: SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION OFFICIAL DISPUTES RETURN
OF SSSA PERSONNEL TO INDONESIA

REF: STATE 88025

1. PAUL FISHER IS CORRECT IN HIS UNDERSTANDING THAT NEITHER
CARROLL NOR RICHARDSON ARE SCHEDULED TO RETURN TO INDONESIA.

2. SRI SRIMARDJI, SECRETARY OF RESEARCH TEAM DEVELOPING
SOCIAL SECURITY PROGRAM, HAD BEEN INFORMED BY MANPOWER
MINISTER SUBROTO THAT, IN CONJUNCTION WITH STATE MINISTER
FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REFORM SUMARLIN, IT HAD BEEN ARRANGED
FOR CARROLL AND RICHARDSON TO RETURN TO INDONESIA IN
JULY 1975. IN FACT ALL THAT APPEARS TO HAVE HAPPENED IS
THAT MINISTER SUBROTO AT THE END OF JANUARY 1975 MENTIONED
THE SUBJECT TO CLIVE GRAY OF THE HARVARD ADVISORY GROUP
ATTACHED TO BAPPENAS (NATIONAL PLANNING AGENCY). THE
RICHARDSON/CARROLL VISIT IN 1974 HAD BEEN ARRANGED BY THE
HARVARD ADVISORY GROUP WITH THE ASSISTANCE OF THE FORD
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NOUNDTION AND USAID. IT MAY BE THAT SUBROTO CONSTRUED

THAT HE WAS MAKING A REQUEST FOR THE RETURN OF CARROLL AND RICHARDSON AND THAT NOTHING MORE NEEDED TO BE DONE ABOUT IT. IN ANY CASE, UNTIL LABATT SPOKE WITH SRI SRIMARDJI ON APRIL 23, THE LATTER WAS STILL CONFIDENTLY EXPECTING THEIR ARRIVAL IN EARLY JULY. LABATT HAS INFORMED SRIMARDJI THAT THERE ARE NO PLANS FOR RETURN OF CARROLL AND RICHARDSON.

3. HARVARD ADVISORY GROUP BELIEVES INDONESIANS WERE NOT PROPERLY PREPARED FOR CARROLL/RICHARDSON VISIT LAST YEAR AND THEY, ACCORDINGLY, SPEND TOO MUCH TIME SPINNING THEIR WHEELS. CLIVE GRAY DOUBTS THAT INDONESIA IS DEVELOPED ENOUGH INDUSTRIALLY AND ECONOMICALLY SUCCESSFULLY TO INTRODUCE A SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM. HE THINKS THAT, FURTHERMORE, IN VIEW OF THE WIDE-SPREAD CORRUPTION IN THE INDONESIAN GOVERNMENT, NO BENEFITS WOULD TRICKLE DOWN TO THE DESIGNATED RECIPIENTS EVEN IF A SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM WERE INTRODUCED.

4. WE EXPECT THAT SRIMARDJI OR A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE MANPOWER DEPARTMENT WILL NOW CONTACT HARVARD ADVISORY GROUP IN AN EFFORT TO ARRANGE ANOTHER VISIT BY CARROLL/RICHARDSON AND THAT THE HARVARD GROUP WILL GIVE THE REQUEST A POLITE BRUSHOFF.

5. CORRECT DESIGNATION OF JAKARTA AIRGRAM UNDER REFERENCE IS A-22.
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